



☒ Executive Committee    ☐ District Leadership Council    ☐ Annual Meeting

**Wisconsin Conservation Congress  
Meeting Minutes**

<b>ORDER OF BUSINESS</b>	09/17/2018	1:30 PM	Conference Call
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**I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by	Larry Bonde at 1:37 PM
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**B. ROLL CALL**

ATTENDEES	Bonde, Riggie, Maas, Weiss, Taylor. DNR Staff Schmit, Zimmermann, Herman, Harvey.
EXCUSED	
UNEXCUSED	
GUESTS	Wisconsin Conservation Congress Friends Board Rob Bohmann, Ed Harvey and Tim Andrick. Also Green Lake County Chair Paul Gettelman

**C. Agenda Approval and Repair**

**Bonde**

DISCUSSION	Larry stated that he had no changes,
ACTION	Motion Weiss 2nd Taylor to approve agenda as published. Motion carried.

**D. Public Comments**

**Bonde**

DISCUSSION	Bonde stated that Paul Gettelman asked to comment on an agenda item referencing educational trailer proposals. Paul gave a brief overview of his participation along with secretary Maas in getting support for materials and funding to allow additional opportunities to engage not only youth but adults in our educational display. The current trailer is getting dated and is not user friendly being very difficult to support. Paul stated that with the proposed upgrades he envisions the display being used at schools, county fairs and other statewide events. He asked that when the item comes up later in the agenda that the committee do what is needed to keep this project moving forward.
ACTION	Information only no action taken.

**II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS**

**A. MOU between OHEC and WCC regarding educational trailer proposal**

**Bonde**

DISCUSSION	Bonde gave a brief over view of the proposal to share a use of ~20 foot trailer for educational purposes. During the early discussion secretary Maas had asked that we have some sort of official discussion on the protocol for use and other issues. This issue was discussed and it was felt that both parties would be best served if an MOU was entered into that would give definition to the project. DNR representatives Chandra Harvey has drafted the MOU that is the topic of this agenda item. Much discussion was given by all parties and Mark Herman stated that there were two areas that legal felt needed some minor clarification, the first was if OHEC is adding WCC as a named user on their liability and also some minor verbiage clarification having to do with the trailer maintenance and display maintenance. Dale asked if it would be appropriate to make a motion to approve the MOU with those changes and the chair agreed.	
ACTION	Motion Maas 2nd Weiss that the WCC Chairman be authorized to sign the proposed MOU if DNR Legal and OHEC approves of the change in language. Motion Carried	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

**B. Wall of Fame trailer, possible donation of additional trailers and liability concerns.**

**Bonde**

DISCUSSION	Bonde gave a brief history of the process undertaken in acquiring the existing trailer. At the time there was no consideration of having liability insurance. As we look at the future projects and other WCC initiatives having some sort of blanket coverage might be appropriate. DNR legal gave their opinion on the type and reasons that they felt coverage was needed and that travel and displaying information type of activities did not fall under DNR or state insurance responsibility. Members of the friends group were concerned as to the cost of such coverage and who owned any property and how funding for any operations would happen. Maas explained that we need to investigate the parameters of this type of coverage so we can ask insurance agents to provide quotes. He felt that conceptually we need to protect the organization and still continue the outreach we are currently involved in. After much discussion it was decided that we need to get quotes on needed coverage for current trailer, any additional equipment we may acquire and make sure we have proper protections in place under the new MOU with OHEC. Maas volunteered to work on quote project and provide updates to committees.	
ACTION	Motion by Maas 2nd Weiss to get coverage as appropriate while working with the FOWCC to cover cost of the insurance. M/C.	

PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

**C. Possible donation of additional trailers**

Bonde

DISCUSSION	Bonde explained the possibility of adding two additional trailers that Law Enforcement has that they are willing to donate. Maas explained that he, Paul Gettelman, Ron Kruger and others have been looking at ways to expand the use of our educational outreach. The current trailer is cumbersome and difficult to set up, taking ~3-4 hours with 3-4 people involved. The group also talked about ways to make possible user access less of an issue. The group thought that having some flexibility in the displays and maybe additional trailers that could be stationed both North and South could be an option. With the offering of the trailers from LE we could develop this opportunity. Many questions were asked as to costs and again where money would come from. Maas said that they were continuing to receive donations of mounts and display materials along with some cash. The FOWCC has set up a segregated fund so that any cash donations would be sent to FOWCC in care of the education trailer fund. Discussion also included the need for more than one trailer. Maas said the group had discussed this and felt that the original trailer could be used as storage and that they had enough materials to start developing one trailer for now (ED NORTH). This would allow for time to review the process and work on (ED TWO). Since the Trailers are a donation this seemed like an appropriate course of action.	
ACTION	Motion by Maas 2nd Weiss to accept the two trailers from LE and allow Chair Bonde to sign off on the project. M/C.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

**D. Executive Committee review of NRB agenda and possible actions**

Bonde

DISCUSSION	Discussion of the NRB agenda took place and it was determined that we have a position on items of concern. Bonde will send letter to NRB stating those positions for the record.	
ACTION	Information only. No action taken.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

**E. WCC administrative housekeeping**

Bonde

DISCUSSION	The only item was Chair Bonde reporting that a meeting has been set for the coalition of sporting organizations to work on a structured fee increase.	
ACTION	Information only. No action taken.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

Closed session for the purpose of conducting a hearing for the preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems and investigation of violations of the conservation congress code of procedures and for the purpose of deliberating on this hearing before the Executive

Bonde, Riggle

**F. Committee**

DISCUSSION	Motion by Weiss 2nd Maas to go into closed session. M/C	
ACTION	Motion by Maas 2nd Weiss to reconven to open session. M/C	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

**III. MEMBERS MATTERS**

DISCUSSION	<p>Weiss attended the Turkey and Upland Game Committee meeting and it went fairly smooth. They had some issues and the following were noted: they were upset that they were not consulted prior to the executive committee decision on the grouse closure and that they do not have a delegate on the state DNR turkey and upland game committee.</p> <p>Larry stated that the grouse question was not a single person issue and a position was taken due to time constraints.</p> <p>Taylor mentioned that there is talk about a hearing on the CWD emergency rule proposal and many are trying to make changes. He also has an issue with some committees continuing to take actions on items not noticed on the agenda and asked that this be added to the up coming DLC meetings agenda. The last issue is scheduling of committee meetings on opening days of major seasons, he used the legislative meeting being scheduled on the opening day of bear season.</p> <p>Maas clarified some questions on the minutes of the Great Lakes minutes to Kari, the committee (non-resolution) items will be reported out at the DLC meeting for possible action. He also mentioned the continued difficulty the GL committee is having getting a quorum even though they set their meeting date a year in advance. This year two major committees set there date the same and caused some delegates to shuttle between meeting so a quorum was present to conduct business, this in his opinion is wrong but is not sure how we fix it. He also thanked the committee for moving forward on the trailer issues.</p> <p>Riggle stated that he continues to hear about term limits but when you look at those speaking the loudest the facts do not</p>
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	support he supposition. The dedication of most of our long serving delegates speaks for itself. He feels that as long as our delegates are active they should be able to continue to serve. He will be attending the first meeting of the state grouse management master planning meeting on September 24. No further discussion. Motion Maas 2nd Weiss to adjourn. M/C meeting adjourned @4:05 PM
ACTION	

### IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	4:05 PM
SUBMITTED BY	Dale C. Maas
DATE	09/24/2018